

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A graphical user interface (GUI) for a capture system, the GUI comprising:  
  
a search editor to enable a user to author and edit a search that mines  
  
objects captured by the capture system.
2. The GUI of claim 1, wherein the search editor is configured to enable the user to author the search to include both indexed and non-indexed search criteria.
3. The GUI of claim 1, wherein the search editor enables the user to specify one or more of a plurality of search criteria, the search criteria including a content type, a protocol, keywords, and word patterns.
4. The GUI of claim 3, wherein the search criteria further include a source address, a destination address, a size range, and a temporal range.
5. The GUI of claim 1, wherein the search editor enables the user to specify one or more of a plurality of search criteria, the search criteria including an email source, an email destination, and email carbon copy, an email subject, and message keywords.
6. The GUI of claim 1, further comprising a capture rule editor a to enable a user to author and edit a capture rule used by the capture system to intercept objects transmitted over a network.

7. A method comprising:  
  
providing search editing capabilities to allow authoring and editing of a search that mines objects captured by the capture system.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein providing search editing capabilities comprises allowing inputting one or more of a plurality of search criteria, the search criteria including a content type, a protocol, keywords, and word patterns.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein the search criteria further include a source address, a destination address, a size range, and a temporal range.
10. The method of claim 7, wherein providing search editing capabilities comprises allowing inputting one or more of a plurality of search criteria, the search criteria including an email source, an email destination, and email carbon copy, an email subject, and message keywords.
11. The method of claim 7, further comprising providing capture rule editing capabilities to allow authoring and editing of a capture rule used by the capture system to intercept objects transmitted over a network.

12. A system comprising:

means for providing search editing capabilities to allow authoring and editing of a search that mines objects captured by the capture system.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein the means for providing search editing capabilities comprises means for allowing inputting one or more of a plurality of search criteria, the search criteria including a content type, a protocol, keywords, and word patterns.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein the search criteria further include a source address, a destination address, a size range, and a temporal range.

15. The system of claim 12, wherein the means for providing search editing capabilities comprises means for allowing inputting one or more of a plurality of search criteria, the search criteria including an email source, an email destination, and email carbon copy, an email subject, and message keywords.

16. The system of claim 12, further comprising means for providing capture rule editing capabilities to allow authoring and editing of a capture rule used by the capture system to intercept objects transmitted over a network.

17. A computer-readable medium storing data representing instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

providing search editing capabilities to allow authoring and editing of a search that mines objects captured by the capture system.

18. The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the instruction cause the processor to provide search editing capabilities by allowing inputting one or more of a plurality of search criteria, the search criteria including a content type, a protocol, keywords, and word patterns.

19. The computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the search criteria further include a source address, a destination address, a size range, and a temporal range.

20. The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the instructions cause the processor to provide search editing capabilities by allowing inputting one or more of a plurality of search criteria, the search criteria including an email source, an email destination, and email carbon copy, an email subject, and message keywords.

21. The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to provide capture rule editing capabilities to allow authoring and editing of a capture rule used by the capture system to intercept objects transmitted over a network.